Demographic benefit to country's financial status

3167. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India stands to gain from her demographic benefit substantially in its stride for economic superpower status;

(b) if so, the salient details thereof taken into account in our planning;

(c) whether owning to low volume of trained man-power, particularly in the age group of 15-29 years, which constitute the lion's share our population, the demographic advantage stands to elude us; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken, if any, to address the problem, indicating the road-maps, with specific reference to the measures aimed at coordinating and monitoring the same at the levels of States and UTs across the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Five Year Plan document brings out that the decline in the rate of growth of population in the past few decades, modernisation and social processes leading to more women entering the workforce, resulted in lowering the dependency ratio from 0.8 in 1991 to 0.73 in 2001. The dependency ratio is expected to further decline sharply to 0.59 by 2011, as projected by Technical Group on Population Projection, giving India a comparative cost advantage and improvement in competitiveness.

(c) and (d) It is projected that the ageing economy phenomenon will globally create a skilled manpower shortage of approximately 56.5 million by 2020. Accordingly, in the Eleventh Five Year Plan, the thrust is on creating a pool of skilled personnel in line with the requirements of the ultimate users like industry, trade and services sector both in the domestic as well as of other ageing economies. In order to achieve the objective of bridging the skill gaps, a Coordinated Action Plan for skill development and setting up of the National Skill Development Corporation 2008 has been approved. A three tier institutional structure consisting of (i) the Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development, (ii) National Skill Development Coordination Board, and (iii) National Skill Development Corporation, has already been put in place to take forward the mission of creating 500 million people by 2022.

Implementation of CSS

3168. SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a mechanism to analyse the performance of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) being implemented by the State Governments;

(b) whether Government is satisfied with the performance of the State Governments in the implementation of CSS;

(c) whether Government has received any reports of non-utilisation of the grants for CSS;

(d) the names of the States which have not performed upto the expectation; and